Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003



Airman 1st Class Joseph Gumienny, 455th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron A-10 crew chief from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, ensures the A-10 Thunderbolt II is ready for takeoff at the end of runway. Members of the 455th EFS are deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. They are providing close air support to the Army's 10th Mountain Division as they pursue Taliban and Al Qaeda forces in Operation Mountain Resolve in support of the global war on terrorism.

# Fighting the good fight

## D-M warriors return once more to Afghanistan, battle in war on terrorism

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Brian Davidson 455th Expeditionary Operations Group

As most Americans look forward to spending the coming holidays with loved ones, many airmen from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., are deployed to remote, desolate areas around the world to join coalition forces in fighting the war on terrorism.

Davis-Monthan pilots, maintainers and support personnel have trained long and hard in preparation for the November Aerospace Expeditionary Force Silver rotation. During the past year, a series of Operational Readiness Exercises at D-M have kept the airmen ready to take their place at the tip of the sword.

aircraft began their deployment in late October and continue traveling to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Most of those personnel and aircraft are now in Afghanistan and already conducting operations.

Based at Bagram Air Field, near the foothills of the Hindu Kush Mountains, the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Bulldogs are flying as the watchdogs for soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division as they continue to roust al Qaeda and Taliban forces from hiding.

Now attached to the 455th Ex-Airmen and A-10 Thunderbolt II peditionary Operations Group, close air support in Operation Mountain Resolve, the most recent operation against those who would threaten peaceful nations.

> As ground forces brave treacherous terrain and possible Anti-Coalition Militants in Eastern Afghanistan, D-M airmen are flying

at the worst possible time, when weather conditions are commonly cloudy, foggy, snowy and cold, with the most inhospitable conditions found in the mountains.

Leaving Arizona just as the blazing Sonoran summers have faded under the command of Joint Task to pleasant winter temperatures, Force 180, the Bulldogs are flying most of D-M's airmen traveled for days through many geographically differing portions of the world, ending up at their final destination; Bagram.

> Once a Soviet airfield, Bagram is a remnant of the 10-year war

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#### Who can use the clubs?

**Comment:** I go to the officer's club all the time, and I always see enlisted people having lunch there. I thought the officer's club was for officers only, and the enlisted club was for enlisted only. My friend said both clubs are open to both officers and enlisted. What is the current policy?

Response: Thank you for your inquiry into the dining policy at the officer's/enlisted clubs. In an effort to continue to provide dining services, most stateside clubs have combined dining at either the officer's club or the enlisted club. Here at Davis-Monthan, we have combined dining at the officer's club because of the kitchen layout and dining room configuration. The current policy is the dining room at the officers' club and Cabanas Restaurant in the Enlisted Club are open to all base personnel, regardless of rank. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Bo Treadway, business operations flight chief, at 228-3847.

#### **Security Forces patrol areas**

**Comment:** I'd like to make a suggestion about where the security patrols should be sitting and observing traffic. There's a major speeding problem, and blowing through a stop sign on Albro between National and Quijota. There are a lot of kids on this road including one of my own. Some of my neighbors and I are very concerned about the

children's safety. I honestly think that security forces needs to sit there and just observe in a civilian car. Please take this seriously.

**Response:** Thanks for your genuine concern for the safety and welfare of our children. I too share your concern not only in the neighborhoods but across the entire installation. We have been aggressively enforcing the rules of the road at D-M and will continue to do so as the violations across the installation are epidemic! The 355th Security Forces Squadron has written over 480 citations in the last two months, 36 of these citations where in the area of your concern. We will continue this high-level of enforcement until the number of violations decline. Some of these violations will result in the short-term loss or permanent loss of driving privileges on the installation. Our goal for traffic enforcement is not to write tickets, but to ensure the safety of those who live, work and play on the installation and to raise the awareness to abide by the rules of the road. This is best accomplished through the use of marked vehicles, which offer a visual deterrence and a reminder that we are serious on enforcing the law. We appreciate your vigilance by reporting your observations, and hope you will call the Security Force Control Center at 228-3200 anytime you witness traffic violations. Patrols (if available) will be dispatched to you to assess the situation or take a traffic complaint.



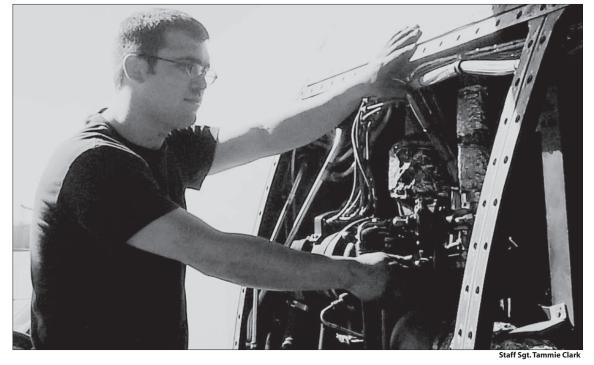
**Col. Larry Stutzriem** *355th Wing Commander* 

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. You can

also contact the Commander's Corner phone line at 228-4747. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. While the response may be published in the Desert Airman, anonymous calls may not be.

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## **Mission Spotlight**

The 41st Aircraft Maintenance Unit also known as the Scorpions, are part of the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, which is a tenant unit at Davis-Monthan from the 55th Wing at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

The 41st AMU provides support to the Compass Call mission. Members of the 41st AMU plan and execute all on-equipment maintenance actions for their assigned EC-130H aircraft, including launch, recovery, scheduled inspections, servicing and component replacement.

They also conduct all maintenance training, aircrew debriefing and supply functions.

(Left) Airman 1st Class Nathan Smith, 41st Aircraft Maintenance Unit inspection flight controller, rewires a fuel tank of a EC-130H.

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## One-stop finance service arrives

A one-stop customer service phone number and Web page are up and running, linking several call centers and online resources Air Force people use when managing personnel and pay information.

A single phone number and a companion Web site now make it easier for Air Force active-duty and reserve component military, as well as U.S. appropriated fund civilian employees to find what they need quickly, officials said.

Customers can find answers to questions by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or visiting <a href="http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst">http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst</a>. Until now, the burden's been on Air Force people to determine which agency handles a particular issue before contacting customer service by phone or on the Web. Customers will be able to access any of the following support services by using the new number and Web site:

- ♦ Air Force Contact Center for general military personnel inquiries, including discrimination and sexual harassment concerns and assistance in navigating the virtual MPF application
- ◆ Air Reserve Personnel Center for Air Force Reserve and Guard personnel inquiries
- ◆ Defense Finance and Accounting Service Contact Center for Air Force Military Pay inquiries and assistance with the myPay application
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- ◆ AFPC Recruiting Service Center for civilian appropriated fund job opportunities
- ◆ AFPC Benefits Entitlements Service Team

A one-stop customer service phone number for civilian appropriated fund benefits and d Web page are up and running, linking seventitlements

This latest evolution in customer self-service is the product of revolutionary cooperation between different agencies inside and outside of the Air Force, officials said.

"A substantial partnership between military and civilian personnel, Air Force financial services and Defense Finance and Accounting Service, years in the making, is making one-stop customer service possible," said James Short, Air Force deputy assistant secretary for financial operations.

"It goes beyond just a phone number and a Web page," said Roger Blanchard, assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel. "What our customer service transformation team is beginning to do is actually combine customer service efforts behind the scenes to serve customers faster and more efficiently."

Several of the linked call centers reside at the personnel center, where leaders have been facilitating the consolidation of Air Force customer service operations.

"We are making sure that customer service is a lot more than a 1-800 number," said Maj. Gen. Tom O'Riordan, personnel center commander. "Our focus is making sure we meet the needs of the field, and that we accelerate those changes which make life simpler for the commander and our airmen," he said.

Customers calling from international locations and hearing impaired employees should continue to dial the number they currently use to access support for personnel or pay matters, officials said. The new toll-free number should begin accommodating foreign area calls early next year, officials said. (Courtesy Air Force Personnel Center.)

## Airmen receive UCMJ punishments

- ♦ An airman 1st class from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty for false official statement, failing to pay debts, failure to go twice and dereliction of duty, violations of Articles 107, 134, 86 and 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- ◆ An airman from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a reduction to airman basic and 30 days extra duty for **failure to go four times and sleeping on duty**, violations of Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ.
- ◆ An airman from the 612th Combat Opera-

tions Squadron received a reduction to airman basic for **underage drinking and driving under the influence**, violations of Articles 92 and 111 of the UCMJ. (Editor's note: Information provided by the 355th Wing Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The commander considers several factors when determining punishment, some of which include: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale. For more information, contact the judge advocate office at 228-3168.)

297 airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence as of Nov. 17 by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

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#### **News Notes**

#### **Estate claims**

Anyone having claims against the estate of Senior Airman Alexander Garza, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, should contact 1st Lt. Joshua Pope, summary courts officer, at 228-2121.

#### Officer force development

Force development is about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives. Air Force officials created a force-development office, a force-development support office and development teams to operationalize force development within the Air Force. Force development is the new way officers will be assessed, trained, educated, mentored and effectively assigned throughout their careers. The opportunity to get a clear picture of the new force development construct will occur via the following mandatory briefings: Tuesday: 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the wing confer**ence room** -- 355th Wing vice commander; inspector general; wing group, 55th Electronic Combat Group, 563rd Rescue Group and Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center commanders; and all other wing associate unit colonels. 1 to 2:15 p.m. in the wing conference room -- 355th WG, 55th ECG and 563rd RQG squadron commanders and wing staff lieutenant colonels. 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the 12th Air Force con**ference room** -- 12th AF colonels and 12th AF group commanders. 4 to 5:15 p.m. in the 12th AF conference room -- 12th AF lieutenant colonels and squadron commanders. Dec. 3: 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the base theater -- 12th AF staff, 25th Operational Weather Squadron, 612th Air Communication Squadron, 612th Air Intelligence Group, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron, 612th Air Operations Group, 612th Air Support Squadron, AMARC, Detachment 3 and Area Defense Council officers. Also, 355th Operations Group, 55th ECG and 563rd RQG who are part of night flying. 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the base theater -- 612th Combat Operation Squadron, 612th Combat Plans Squadron, 612th Support Squadron, 355th WG staff and 355th Maintenance Group officers. Also, any 355th OG, 55th ECG and 563rd RQG officers who are part of night flying. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the base theater -- 355th Maintenance Support Group, Detachment 217 Office of Special Investigations, and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 20 officers. Also, any 355th OG, 55th ECG and 563rd RQG officers who are part of night flying. 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the **base theater** -- 355th Medical Group officers and any 355th OG, 55th ECG and 563rd RQG officers who are part of night flying. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Robert Labrutta, 355th Mission Support Squadron, at 228-5688.

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## **Warriors**

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between Afghanistan and the former Soviet Union. Airmen live



Airman 1st Class Christopher Leiphart, 455th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron A-10 weapons specialist from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base arms weapons and does a munitions inspection to ensure the A-10 Thunderbolt II is ready for takeoff in support of operations at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

and work in a stark, rugged, wartorn environment surrounded by the wreckage of old Russian aircraft, tanks and other instruments

of war. A striking sight around the base are the hundreds of small, red marking flags that warn of the vast, uncleared mine fields that serve as another reminder of Afghanistan's war-riddled past.

"The real heroes here are the ground troops. Those are the people that are getting the job done and we're here to support them," said Capt. Jennifer Short, 345th EFS O/A-10 pilot who is carrying on a family tradition of military service. Already a veteran at flying combat missions with only three years piloting the A-10, Short is serving her second tour in Afghanistan in just over a year. Her last deployment put her in hostile skies, here and over Kuwait, where she flew more than 40 missions.

"It really means a lot

to me when I'm flying over the Army positions and I recognize the voice or call sign of the controller on the ground and realize we have worked together before," Short added. "Sometimes I fly a mission to support a ground operation, and then a few days later I'm back, and those same troops are still pushing forward, living and working out there regardless of the terrain, weather or danger from enemy forces."

The O/A-10, informally called the "Warthog," is right at home in this harsh environment and is the only Air Force aircraft specifically designed for close air support of ground forces. D-M's pilots can loiter near the battle area for hours and operate effectively in the mountainous regions. Due to night vision technology and a revolutionary litening targeting pod upgrade accomplished in recent weeks, the A-10 pilots fly missions around the clock, in almost all weather conditions.

For some of D-M's airmen, operating in a deployed environment is a new experience. "I have been training for two years and I'm ready to put that training into action," said rookie Bulldog pilot 1st Lt. Eric Theriault, who hails from San Bernardino, Calif. "I'm prepared to do whatever the mission requires. Everyone is working hard and I'm going to do my part."

The Warthog is also designed to operate from bases with limited facilities within close reach of battle areas, and it is the maintainers working at these forward bases who put the aircraft in the sky.

Mechanics, crew chiefs, weapons specialists and other support personnel meet the challenge in some of the most austere conditions. Working on the crumbling Sovietbuilt parking ramp at Bagram, maintainers work all hours to ensure aircraft are ready to fly, fight and bring their pilots home safely.

Airman 1st Class Christopher Leiphart, a D-M weapons loader with the 354th EFS, was both nervous and excited when he found out he was selected for this deployment. "My family cried a lot when I first told them I was deploying to Afghanistan," said the airman from York, Pa., whose bovish features make him look way too young to be accomplishing such an important mission. "I told my family that my job is to make sure our pilots have the right weapons at the right time to protect our ground troops as they fight the war on terrorism," he said.

Deploying in support of operations around the world may be a new experience for some of the airmen who work to keep the jets flying, but for others it is just one in a long list of deployments.

"We have more than one mission to accomplish here," said Master Sgt. Raymond Turner, 354th EFS aircraft maintenance section chief. With 10 deployments under his belt, Turner looks at the big picture, not just the immediate tasks demanding his attention.

"We are here as ambassadors for the U.S., and we also have a responsibility to help the Afghan people get back on their feet. Finally, we are here on a search-and-destroy mission — to make sure terrorists who bring harm to innocent people have no place left to hide."

The AEF Silver airmen work seven days a week, and will remain deployed through the holidays. The next AEF rotation is expected sometime around April.



An A-10 Thunderbolt II from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., takes off at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan to provide close air support to the Army's 10th Mountain Division as they pursue Taliban and Al Qaeda forces in Operation Mountain Resolve.

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## Cadets speak to D-M officers about career options

Photo and story by 2nd Lt. Rebecca Garland 355th Wing Public Affairs

For many officers, the Reserve Officer Training Corps is their source of commissioning, as is the case for the ROTC cadets at the University of Arizona, who split their time passing college courses and practicing facing movements during leadership lab.

Recruiting these cadets into successful careers is a daily goal of the Air Force, and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has an active role in educating these cadets about the hundreds of jobs the Air Force has to offer through career days and offering cadets the chance to 'job shadow' officers in what they do.

"Career Day enables our cadets to meet with officers from D-M, giving them the opportunity to explore the vast number of career fields in the Air Force," said Capt. Stacy Vaughn, Air Force ROTC Detachment 020 assistant professor of aerospace studies. "Meeting with officers one-on-one gives the students the chance to see what the Air Force offers and to better understand the mission expected of them when they are commissioned officers."

The most recent career day was hosted by the University of Arizona and D-M took nearly 30 officers to the cadets on campus to answer



Cadet Capt. Lisa McLean, a University of Arizona Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet, speaks to 1st Lt. Lindsay Brocklesby, 355th Communications Squadron flight commander about the Air Force and the CS career field. McLean is majoring in Social Work and aspires to be a services officer after graduation.

questions, as well as brief the entire cadet corps on the various jobs available to them.

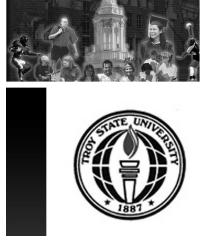
Cadets talked to officers representing career fields such as maintenance, intelligence, communications, pilots, navigators, electronic warfare officers, medical corps, public affairs, security forces and many more. There are so many jobs in the Air Force, the cadets put in a list of professions they were interested in learning about at the career day, but there were many they had not heard of. D-M worked with the cadets to expand their knowledge base of the careers that are available.

"Their [the cadets] motivation to serve their country and excel in their roles as officers is due in part to the professionalism and selfless devotion they observe in the personnel assigned to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base," said Vaughn.

Developing and nurturing airmen is one of the main objectives of D-M, and that begins before airmen are ever commissioned within the ROTC program. For the ROTC cadets, their development begins as college students; they are given years of leadership through their ROTC courses and projects, career days and job shadow opportunities as well as counseling advice and guidance from officers at D-M.

"This year's event was a success because the officers resolved a number of questions raised by cadets on career choices and the fact that young freshmen and sophomores now realize the myriad of jobs that are out in the Air Force ... other than the flying jobs," said Vaughn. "Producing future officers for our Air Force continues to be an awesome responsibility for our detachment. With it comes great pride as we watch these young men and women grow into responsible, eager second lieutenants."







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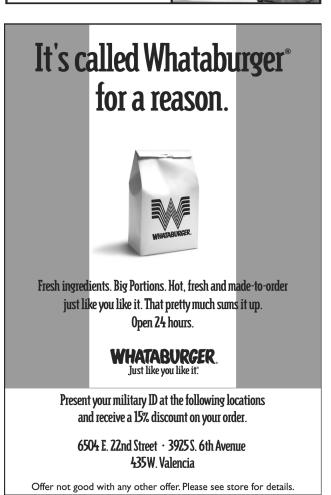
## Airmen graduate from CCAF, earn degrees

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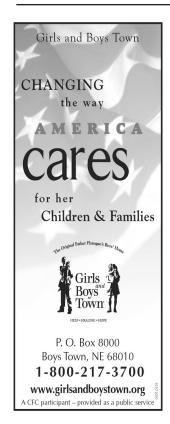
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Maj. Deborah Meserve

355th Component Maintenance Squadron

I was the commander of the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron for 47 days when I got the call that all commanders fear. On a Sunday night at 6 p.m., I was informed that a member of my squadron had died in a car accident along with his wife of three months. Both were 20 years old. Nothing can match the family's grief, but as a commander, you agonize over the loss and wonder if you did everything you could to help prevent the loss

Thursday, Nov. 20, two other commanders and I briefed Gen. Bruce Wright, Air Combat Command vice commander, on how we each lost an airman: all three died in vehicle accidents. The very next day I found myself in the Dove Chapel at Davis-Monthan, attending the memorial service of yet another airman who perished in a car accident. As a commander, leader and supervisor, what do you do?

A senior airman in my squadron gave me the answer. He said that it is just as easy to choose the right way as it is to choose the wrong way. There is genius in this simple statement. It is just as easy to do the speed limit as it is to speed. It is just as easy to let the aggressive driver pass you as it is not to let them. It is just as easy to wait a few seconds after the light turns green to make sure the intersection is clear as it is to hit the accelerator the second the light turns. It is just as easy to not drink when you are driving as to have two or three beers.

It is just as easy to choose the right way, but the second half of the equation is: is it worth it? That is what a commander must try

What are you thankful for?

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#### **Final Answer**



Airman Luis Ramirez 612th Combat Operations Squadron

"I am thankful for being alive and getting this far in the military."



Airman 1st Class John McCormick 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

"I am thankful for flexible supervisors."



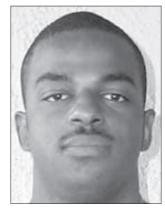
Senior Airman Mason Lauer 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"I am thankful to wake up every morning knowing that I live in a free country, for the people who make it free and for my family."



Staff Sgt.
Tiffany Naylor
354th Expeditionary
Fighter Squadron
Bargram, Afghanistan

"I am thankful to be given the opportunity to serve my country and provide a safer future for my children."



Airman 1st Class Brandon Owens 355th Communications Squadron

"I am thankful for my friends."



Staff Sergeant Laurie Luna 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"I am thankful for my beautiful son, Branden, my mom and all of my blessings from the Lord."



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to instill in airmen. Yes, choosing the right way is worth it. Not getting a driving while under the influence is worth not having any drinks before you drive. (Recently two airmen in my squadron learned this the hard way. They both exceeded the legal limit after having only three beers and waiting before driving. That plan doesn't work.) Making it home safe is worth letting someone who is riding your bumper pass. Driving the safe speed limit is worth seeing

your next Thanksgiving dinner, holiday celebration or birthday. Having a successful Air Force career is worth taking my airman's advice and making the easy choice of doing the right thing.

And I know. I had to go my entire senior year in college without a speeding ticket because I was told I wouldn't get commissioned if I got one more ticket. I drove a 1967 Mustang with a 289 V-8 with high-performance heads, traction bars, air shocks and sway braces. That was a tough challenge. None of my other friends had to worry that speeding would affect their future, so why should I? At age 22, I had to decide if chang-

ing my behavior was worth my future in the Air Force. Well, obviously I chose not to speed and the last 15 years have been worth every joke my friends made that year about my driving like Granny.

This week, evaluate your behaviors. Evaluate how they could affect your future. Ask yourself if you are doing the right thing and is it really all that hard to change. Make the right call. Take the jokes from your friends.

Is taking a chance worth your safety, your future and your Air Force career? Let the memory of the D-M airmen who have died be your motivation. Their legacy could be your safe future.



#### **New commander**

(Left) Major Daniel Runyon, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander, briefs the Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight about how the flight contributed to the success of Davis-Monthan's recent deployment. Runyon assumed command of the 355th EMS July 10.



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## **Sonoran Spotlight**

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Airman 1st Class Nichole Duhon Organization: 355th Operation Support Squadron

**Duty title:** Information manager apprentice **Hometown:** Lake Charles, La.

Years of service: One year, 11 months Reason for joining the Air Force: I joined the Air Force to learn a new skill, travel and take advantage of the educational benefits. Main responsibilities: My main responsibilities include processing orders, maintaining records and maintaining the squadron's Web site.

**Best aspects of job:** The best aspect of my job is that I get to learn something new every day.

Goals: My goals are to continue working toward my bachelor's degree, get accepted into Air Force Reserve Officer Training Course and retire as a commissioned officer. Hobbies/outside activities: The things I enjoy are reading, taking classes and working out at the gym.

**Favorite thing about D-M:** I love the weather.

My best assignment: Davis-Monthan, because it's my first and only assignment so far. Inspiration: My parents are an inspiration to me because they both work very hard and no matter how much my sisters and I put them through, they are always there for us and very supportive. I admire them for that.



Staff Sot Tammie Clark

# Tucson community needs volunteers' help for holidays

◆ Davis-Monthan members purchasing holiday gifts for the Santas in Blue program need to have their donations turned into their group point of contact no later than Monday at noon. Gift prices should range from \$15 to \$25.

For more information on Santas in Blue, contact Master Sgt. Jess Mendoza at 228-6169.

♦ The Community Food Bank is looking for people to load trucks with food for Holiday Share which then will be delivered to individuals and families in the local community. Volunteers are needed to assist Dec. 18,19, 22 and 23 from 6:30 a.m. to noon. At least eight volunteers are needed per day.

For more information, contact Kristen Hershberger at 622-0525 ext. 204.

#### **American in Saudi Arabia sends thanks**

As a patriotic American working in a dangerous corner of the world, I am gratified by the support of my fellow Americans back home in trying to make conditions better for me and our fellow Americans here in the Middle East. Many servicemen and women have come here, and some have died, fighting to ensure a peaceful future for this region and the entire world.

Their task, and that of our president, is far from an easy one. But I am gratified to observe the fervor and dedication they exhibit in carrying out their dangerous duties.

I realize that there will be times of difficulty in the struggle to make the Middle East a more peaceful place to live. But the long-term goal of a more peaceful world should be kept in mind during these difficult times.

I encourage all my fellow Americans back home to continue to give their full support to our president and to the servicemen and women fighting in the Middle East.

Please keep them and all of the Americans residing in this dangerous part of the world in your prayers; and let's hope that all of us can strive to bring about the long-term goal of a peaceful, democratic region that experiences the end of conflict and disharmony and the birth of peace, accord and brotherly love.

Sincerely, Kim Hester

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## **Happy Thanksgiving**

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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- (Editor's note: Solutions for the Happy Thanksgiving crossword puzzle will be available in the Dec. 5 edition of "The Lighter Side.")



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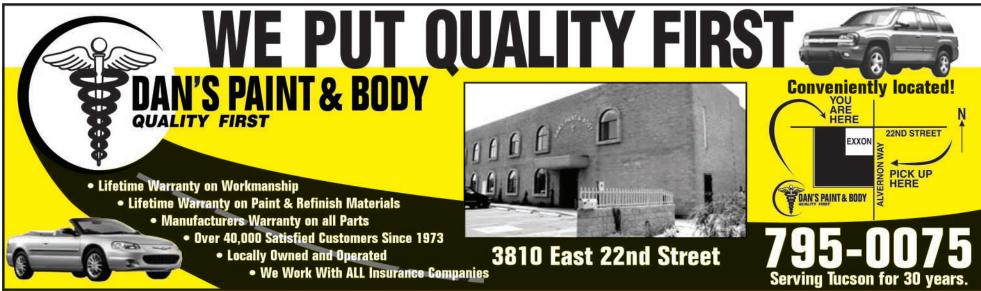
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# **Turkey**

## Simple tips increase safety while cooking holiday meals

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy 355th Wing Public Affairs

Whether you plan on having a home cooked meal here or are traveling to celebrate with friends and family for Thanksgiving Day, there are some things you may want to take into consideration prior to eating that cooked meal. Has the food been properly handled and prepared? If not, you may find yourself sick at home, or worse, the hospital from unwanted bacteria.

Harmful toxins are not limited to the final product. To make certain the food has been properly prepared, follow these simple suggestions and ensure your holiday festivities are delightful.

"If thawing your turkey will be needed, there are two preferred methods: in the refrigerator or under cold water," said Staff Sgt. Melanie Warriner, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, public health.

"The easiest and safest way to thaw a turkey is to place the wrapped bird on a tray in the refrigerator," said Michael Barnes, 355th Wing, chief of safety. "Plan on the thawing to take about 24 hours for every five pounds the bird weighs. Remember not to count the day you will be roasting it."

To thaw a turkey in cold water, check the wrapping to make sure there are no tears. Place the unopened bag in the sink or in a large container and cover it with cold water. If there is a tear in the wrapping, place the turkey in another plastic bag, close securely and place in the cold water.

"Change the water every 30 minutes to ensure safe and effective thawing and to be certain the water is ice-cold," Warriner said.

Smaller turkeys can also be thawed in a microwave oven. Since microwave ovens vary check the manufacturer's instructions for the size of turkey that will fit in the oven, the



Rick Bruner, 355th Services Squadron chef, prepares lunch at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's Desert Inn Dining Facility. The Desert Inn will be serving a Thanksgiving meal from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. The Mirage Officer's Club will be open to serve a Thanksgiving meal from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

minutes per pound and the power level to use for thawing. The turkey should be cooked immediately after thawing.

"Do not thaw the turkey on the kitchen counter," Warriner said. "At room temperature, a frozen turkey will thaw from the outside in, allowing bacteria to multiply to dangerously high levels."

"Frozen, pre-stuffed turkeys however, should not be thawed before cooking. Cook them from the frozen state," said Warriner. Frozen, unstuffed turkeys can also be

cooked without being thawed.

It is unsafe to stuff a turkey ahead of time because the chilled stuffing in the turkey will not reach a safe temperature before the turkey is done, Barnes said.

Ensure that the stuffing in the turkey is stuffed loosely because it will expand as it roasts. If the stuffing is too tightly packed it will not reach the desired temperature of 180 degrees Fahrenheit or more.

"Always wash your hands in hot, soapy water, scrubbing for 10 to 15 seconds before and after handling raw meat to avoid unwanted bacteria." Barnes said.

Roasting a turkey at a low temperature overnight, below 325 degrees Fahrenheit, allows harmful bacteria to multiply.

"These are the bacteria that can cause food poisoning and may be present on the raw turkey," Barnes said. "Fortunately, they are easily destroyed with proper cooking techniques."

Cook all meat and poultry, or casseroles that contain meat or poultry, at a minimum oven temperature of 325 degrees Fahrenheit.

To ensure that the turkey and stuffing have reached a safe temperature, always use a thermometer when roasting a turkey,

The turkey is done when the internal temperature reaches 180 to 185 degrees.

"You often hear food experts say, 'Keep hot food hot and cold food cold,' because bacteria thrive at temperatures between 40 degrees Fahrenheit and 140 degrees Fahrenheit," Barnes said. "Therefore, cold foods need to be held at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and hot foods need to be served immediately or held at 140 degrees Fahrenheit or above."

For more information or food safety tips, contact public health at 228-1576.

#### Herbed roast turkey

- ◆ 1 whole 12 to 14 lbs turkey
- ◆ 1 half a cup fresh rosemary
- ◆ 1/2 cup fresh sage leaves
- ◆ 1 apple, quartered
- ◆ 1 stalk celery, halved
- ♦ 1 onion, halved
- ◆ 1/2 cup melted butter

Remove giblets and neck from turkey; reserve for other uses if desired. Rinse turkey with cold water and pat dry.

Loosen skin from the turkey

breast a bit not totally detaching. Place rosemary and sage under skin then smooth skin over herbs and back into place.

Place apple celery and onion into the neck cavity. Place the turkey breast side up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan and brush with melted butter. Cover turkey loosely with a "tent" of aluminum foil.

Bake at 325 degrees until meat thermometer registers about 180 degrees. This should take from

begin checking after three hours. Remove turkey and let stand 15 minutes before carving.

#### Home-style gravy

- ◆ Pan drippings from roast turkey
- ◆ 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- ◆ Chicken broth or water

Transfer turkey to a serving platter. Strain pan drippings into a large measuring cup.

Skim fat from drippings;

three and a half to four hours but reserve. Place 1/4 cup of the fat in a medium saucepan. Stir in flour. Add enough broth or water to drippings in the measuring cup to equal 2 cups.

> Add all at once to flour mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir one minute more. Season with salt and pepper. Makes 2 cups (8 to 10 servings). Recipe may be doubled.

# D-M member shines on championship team

**By 2nd Lt. Beth Tucker** 355th Wing Public Affairs

Combining two great loves in life of playing a sport and serving the nation in the Air Force, has been a reality to a Davis-Monthan Air Force Base member from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"The three things that are most important in my life are my son, my Air Force and my softball," said Master Sgt. Wendy Hansen. "It is amazing to have the opportunity to combine two of those and do something that I love and represent the Air Force." Hansen, a third baseman, has been selected seven times since 1995 to play on the Air Force women's softball team, including this year's championship team.

In June, Hansen completed an Air Force Form 303 to apply for the team and was invited to compete with 35 other women for one of 15 positions on the final team. In August she traveled to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. for this year's training camp.

"Tryouts are as much about endurance as talent as we play for two and a half to three hours, three times a day," said Hansen.

"Softball motivates me to stay in shape and that helps when I'm on the flightline or deployed," said Hansen. "The way I prepare for the season is to play as much ball as I can during the year. At the height of the season I play four to six nights a week."

In preparation for the Armed Forces Championship Tournament, Hansen and the team played in the American Softball Association regional competition in Pensacola, Fla. Placing third, the team continued practicing and competing for starting positions for the Armed Forces Championship Tournament.



Tech. Sgt. Marlin Zimmermar

Wendy Hansen stares down a pitch during practice at one of the base's softball fields.

The victorious day for the Air Force Softball team was Sept. 10 when they were crowned the Armed Forces Softball champions. The Air Force won the tournament with a record of eight wins and one loss.

Hansen has returned to D-M as a member of this championship team with her sights

high on next year's competition.

"I have been a member of the Armed Forces team twice so I know I am capable of that level of play," said Hansen. "I just want to play to my potential and help both the Air Force and Armed Forces teams win."

Over the past eight years, Hansen has found the Air Force Sports Program beneficial for the Air Force, the community and the individuals participating.

"The AF Sports Program is made up of many different programs so there is something for everyone," said Hansen. "The program benefits the military because they have the opportunity to send ambassadors into the civilian community who might not be familiar with who we are and what we do. It also allows us to demonstrate our ability to work as a competitive, cohesive team with very little preparation.

"The program also benefits the individual because it provides us with an opportunity to play at the highest levels of our sport; something that is very difficult when you are changing your base every couple of years and cannot establish yourself with a team. The benefits for the individual and the dedication and commitment they return with far outweigh the time they are gone," said Hansen.

"On a personal level, my association with the Air Force Sports Program has transformed a career that I love into a career that I adore," said Hansen. "I give more every day to the Air Force because of the opportunities that the Air Force has given me in softball. To me it's an example of the service putting their money where their mouth is and proving that they do care about the total person and they are willing to provide opportunities for its members."

## **Sports Shorts**

#### D-M women's golf

Elena Mahoney recently received the D-M Women's Golf Association Commander's Cup trophy from Col. Larry Stutzriem, 355th Wing commander, signifying her as the overall winner of this year's tournament.

Shooting 88, 92 and 87 to her 17 handicap, she won by 19 strokes with a net 216. Nancy Flesher, a 30-handicap, and last year's winner, Hye-suk Fish, playing to a 15-handicap, tied for first place behind the winner with an equal net of 235. Finishing 3rd was this year's secretary, Jan Rarick with a 240 net.

Francine Hughes (35) with 243, Roz Doyle (29) with 247 and Marie Cogut (33) with 248 took the 4th, 5th and 6th places.

The second meeting of the year will be held in the ladies' lounge following play Wednesday. Play starts with a 9 a.m. shotgun

start, with players drawing for three spots on a given hole upon arrival to the golf course which should be at least 30 minutes before the beginning of play. The annual Christmas luncheon will be held Dec. 18, at Le Rendezvous Restaurant, 3844 E. Fort Lowell. Cocktails may be purchased at 11:30 a.m. with lunch scheduled for noon. The signup sheet with three entree choices will be on the bulletin board in the ladies' locker room.

#### Base, club golf championships

The Blanchard Golf Course will host their annual Base and Club Golf Championships Dec. 6 and 7 starting at 7 a.m. The championship is open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense civilians assigned to D-M. Participants must have a current Arizona Golf Association, D-M or U.S.

Golf Association handicap. Participants will be flighted by handicaps and must declare championship flight and senior flight (55 and older) at time of sign up. All flights will be gross except seniors, which will be net. Major awards categories are: base champion, club champion, senior champion and senior net champion. Entry fee is \$30 and includes prizes, food and awards. Green fees and carts are extra. For more information, call 228-3734.

#### **MPOY** golf tourney

The Maintenance Professional of the Year committee hosts a golf tournament Dec. 12 at the Blanchard Golf Course. Entry fee is \$30 per person and includes green fees, cart and

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## **Sports Shorts**

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prizes. There will be a shotgun start at noon. For more information, call 228-5492 or 228-4191.

#### New hours for bowling

The bowling center holds Family Dollar Days Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Enjoy \$1 games (per game/per bowler), shoe rentals, hot dogs, fries and nachos (bowlers only on snack bar items). Wednesdays have fun with Family Cosmic Bowling from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Use your coupon from the Services Activity Magazine and receive \$1 off a \$10 two-hour lane rental on Family Cosmic Bowling. For more information, call 228-3461.

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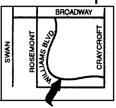
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#### **Catholic Mass schedule**

**Saturday:** Mass is at 5 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m.

**Daily:** Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

#### **Protestant Services schedule**

**Sunday:** At Hope Chapel, Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m.

#### **Education Services**

#### **University of Arizona**

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#### **University of Phoenix**

A representative from the University of Phoenix will provide information and academic guidance on their degree programs Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. For more information, call 239-5252.

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A representative from the University of Arizona will provide information and academic guidance on their evening and weekend campus degree programs Monday at 1 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. For more information, call Judy Seger at 626-8201.

#### **Commissioning briefing**

There will be only one commissioning briefing provided in December. The briefing will be Dec. 10 in Building 3200, Room 243. For more information, call Michelle Marinelli at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

#### BTES testing center

The Base Training and Education Services Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support test center will be closed from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2. Testing will resume Jan. 5. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

## **Family Support Center**

#### **Right Start Base Orientation**

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientations are Tuesday and Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officer's Club. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available. For more information, call 228-5690.

#### **Smooth Move**

The family support center will conduct a Smooth Move briefing Dec. 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This briefing helps you prepare for your next permanent change of station assignment. For reservations, call 228-5690.

#### **New Air Force Spouse Orientation**

Held at The Mirage Officer's Club Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., this orientation targets new Air Force spouses that have been married from one to five years. Find out about your benefits and get information from various base organizations. Fun activities, games, prizes, free childcare and lunch are available. You must register by calling the family support center at 228-5690.

#### **Sponsor training**

Everyone wants to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base. To accomplish this and be a great sponsor, attend the family support center Sponsorship Class Dec. 10 from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources and information. To sign up, call 228-5690.

## **Happenings**

#### **Cookie Crunch 2003**

In coordination with the Officers Spouses Club and Enlisted Spouses Association, spouses of senior D-M leaders are sponsoring the annual Cookie Crunch drive for D-M dormitory residents. Volunteers who are willing to bake homemade cookies from scratch, a mix or slice-and-bake are needed. If you are interested in donating cookies, please place them on a disposable plate or in a bag and drop them off at the temporary Cookie Crunch drive-thru which will be located at the Desert Dove Chapel Dec. 8 and 9 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. To prevent cookies from sticking together, layering them with wax/parchment paper is helpful. Volunteers are also needed to support this event. For

more information, or to volunteer, call 747-1135 and leave a message.

#### Scholarships

The Officers Spouses Club and Enlisted Spouses Association scholarship applications will be available Dec. 15. Applications are available for graduating high school students, continuing education and spouses who are a dependent of active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserves or deceased member of any branch of the Armed Forces. Applications will be available at The Mirage Officer's Club, Desert Oasis Enlisted Club, base education office, family support center and community center. High school seniors may also pick up an application from their high school guidance counselor. For more information, call Deanna Phillips at 514-0532 or send an e-mail to <u>dmoscscholarship@yahoo.com</u>.

#### **Thrift shop**

The Davis-Monthan Thrift Shop, located in Building 3220, will be closed Thursday and Friday for the holidays. There will be a \$1 bag sale Dec. 6. To reserve space for large items and furniture, call 228-2120.

#### **Movies**

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

## **Friday and Saturday:** Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13)

George Clooney plays a slick Beverly Hills divorce lawyer who frames the wife of a client to get him released from the marriage without a settlement. Played by Catherine Zeta-Jones, the wife vows to get revenge. Her plan is to marry the attorney and then take him to the cleaners in their own savage



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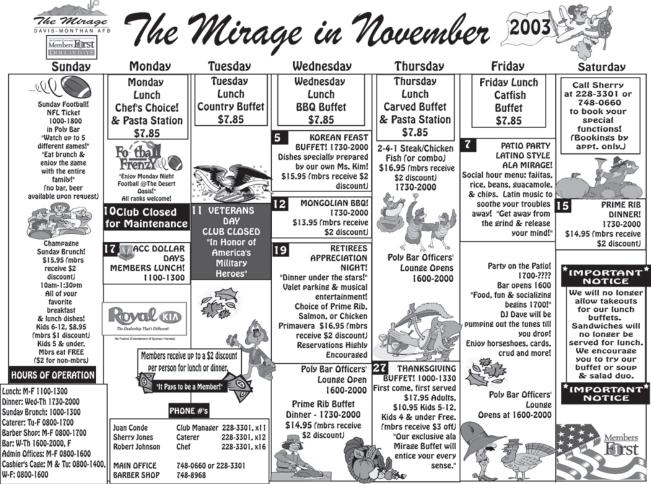
#### Saturday: Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13)

After a terrible divorce, an American lawyer, played by Diane Lane, quits her stressful job and travels to Tuscany, Italy. Just wanting to get away for awhile, she soons realizes that what she really needs is a completely new life. On a whim, she decides to buy a derelict villa near the village of Cortona. While rebuilding her new home and

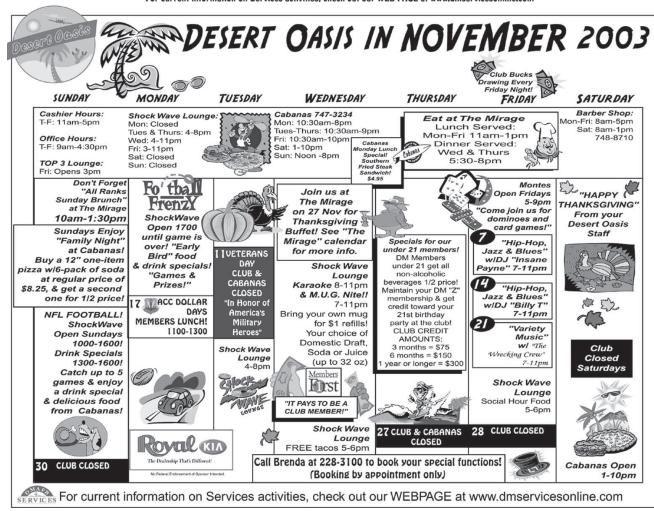
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#### **Services Activities**

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There are only 40 slots available to visit Santa at the Desert Lightning Community Center Dec. 15 to 19. Cost is \$5 per family. Have your picture taken with Santa for an additional \$2. Wrapped gifts for your child should be dropped off no later than Dec. 12. For more information, call 228-3717.

#### Make a Christmas gift jar

Come by the arts and crafts center Dec. 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and Dec. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. and make a special Christmas gift jar. Make jars that include ingredients to cook meals or cookies that are layered in decorated jars. The jars, decorations and all ingredients are included in the \$5.50 per jar price for this class. There will also be a session for children Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. There must be a minimum of 22 jars pre-ordered to hold these classes. To pre-order, call 228-4385.

#### **Wreath classes**

December 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. come by the center and make a pine cone wreath with dried flowers and nuts for a real wilderness look. Class cost is \$12. In addition, there will also be a ribbon wreath class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make a beautiful wreath with ribbons and decorations. This class costs \$10. All supplies are not included in these classes. For more information, call 228-4385.

#### **Community center offers shipping**

The Desert Lightning Community Center offers FedEx shipping. Get those important Christmas packages out early. FedEx Express offers time-definite delivery in one, two or three business days. They also offer priority overnight with delivery by 10:30 a.m. the next day in most areas. Standard overnight delivery arrives no later then close of business day, but some rural areas may take an extra day. With FedEx Express International you can get time-definite delivery of your time-critical packages to more than 210 countries. When shipping your package, keep these tips in mind: Small express boxes and envelopes are available at the center. Do not use cellophane tape, masking tape, duct tape, kraft paper tape, string or rope. We prefer no paper wrapping around your FedEx packages. For more information, call 228-3717.

## Thanksgiving dining at Davis-Monthan

#### **Dining at The Mirage Officer's Club**

The Mirage Officer's Club hosts a Thanksgiving feast Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No reservations, first-come first-served. Cost is \$17.95 for adults and members receive \$3 off. Children ages 5 to 12 are \$10.95 and kids 4 years and under are free. For more information, call 228-3301.

#### **Desert Inn Dining Facility**

The Desert Inn Dining Facility offers a Thanksgiving Day meal for all mealcard holders, active-duty personnel, retirees and their families. Thanksgiving Day hours are 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for dinner. There will be no midnight meal. For more information, call 228-5501.

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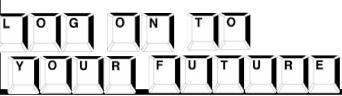
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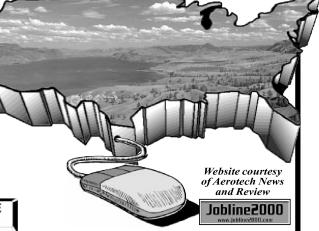




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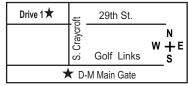
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